

IN THE DRAWINGS:

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### REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Office action dated September 8, 2005, and the references cited therein have been carefully reviewed in light of the examiner's helpful comments and suggestions.

As a result of the Office action, claims 1-6 are allowed and claims 18-21 would be allowable if the Section 112, second paragraph, rejections are overcome and rewritten in independent form, for which, Applicants wish to thank the examiner for an early indication of allowable subject matter.

However, a number of objections in connection with drawings and specification regarding missing reference numerals have been raised. Moreover, claims 7-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, and claim 17 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claims 12-16 and 22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cvacho in view of Bachmann, and further in view of Nakamura.

By the above amendment, the specification and the drawings have been amended to include the missing reference numerals pointed out by the examiner, and submitted herewith for approval by the examiner are four Replacement Sheets of drawings. No new matter has been added.


Moreover, claims 7-11 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claim 12 has been amended to include the

limitations of claims 13-18, and claims 13-18 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer as well. No new matter has been added. Therefore, it is believed that claims 1-6, 12, and 19-22 are allowable.

The prior art references made of record by the examiner have each been considered but are not believed to obviate against the allowability of the claims as amended. It is noted that none of these references have been specifically applied by the examiner against any of the original claims.

Each issue raised in the Office action dated September 8, 2005, has been addressed and it is believed that claims 1-6, 12, and 19-22 are in condition for allowance. Wherefore, Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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